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FOLLOWING REPEAT BEIRUT 7740 ACTION SECSTATE, DIA, DAMASCUS  
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QTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L BEIRUT 7740

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MILI, PINS, PINT, LE

SUBJECT: RENEWED FIGHTING IN LEBANON

REF: BEIRUT 7710

1. IT APPEARS THAT MAJOR BATTLE BETWEEN SYRIAN/  
CHRISTIAN FORCES AND PLO/LEBANESE LEFTIST FORCES IS  
NOW UNDER WAY IN MOUNTAINS OF THE HIGH METN.  
ACCORDING TO LEFTIST RADIO LEBANON, SYRIAN/CHRISTIAN  
FORCES OPENED THEIR ATTACK WITH ARTILLERY BARRAGE  
AT DAWN SEPT 28 AND HAVE CONTINUED HEAVY SHELLING  
AND ROCKET/MACHINE-GUN FIRE THROUGHOUT THE DAY.  
SAME SOURCE SAYS SYRIANS ARE ADVANCING NORTHWEST  
FROM ZAHLE AND FIRING FROM SOFAR AREA, WHILE  
CHRISTIANS ARE MOVING SOUTH FROM BESKINTA. BOTH  
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SIDES CLAIM THEY ARE INFLECTING HEAVY LOSSES ON THE

ENEMY, BUT THERE IS SO FAR LITTLE NEWS OF ACTUAL  
TROOP MOVEMENTS OR IMPORTANT PIECES OF TERRITORY  
THAT HAVE CHANGED HANDS. THERE HAVE BEEN SOME  
REPORTS THAT SYRIAN/CHRISTIAN ELEMENTS OF LEBANESE  
ARMY ARE ENGAGED. LEFTIST RADIO LEBANON IS GIVING  
MUCH MORE DETAILED ACCOUNT OF THE FIGHTING AND HAS  
NOW REACHED REPORT NUMBER 15.

2. LEFTIST RADIO LEBANON ALSO SAYS YASSIR ARAFAT SENT  
MESSAGE TO ALL ARAB KINGS AND PRESIDENTS AND PHONED  
KING KHALID, QADDAFI AND BOUMEDIENNE SEPT 28, STATING THAT  
SYRIAN/CHRISTIAN FORCES ATTACKED WITHOUT PROVOCATION  
WHILE PALESTINIAN FORCES WERE MAINTAINING CEASEFIRE  
AND PLO WAS ATTEMPTING TO WORK OUT PEACEFUL  
SOLUTION. (HE ALSO CHARGED ADDITIONAL SYRIAN FORCES  
HAVE ENTERED LEBANON.) HE CALLED ON ARAB LEADERS TO USE  
THEIR INFLUENCE TO STOP FIGHTING, WHICH COULD ONLY  
RESULT IN DAMAGE TO ALL ARAB NATIONS. RADIO  
LEBANON ALSO SAYS THAT SADAT CRITICIZED SYRIAN  
ATTACK IN HIS SEPT 28 SPEECH.  
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